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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EFFECTING A REAL-TIME
PAYMENT FOR AN ITEM WON ON AN ELECTRONIC
AUCTION**

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant(s) duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached form PTO/SB/08A is brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the U.S. patent documents are not provided in accordance with the waiver of that requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98.

There are 21 references cited in the attached form of which one reference (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0105709) corresponds to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/011,600. The Examiner in the 10/011,600 patent application cited Applicants' present patent application in rejecting all of the pending claims therein under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e). Seventeen of the remaining 21 references cited in the attached form were of record in the 10/011,600 patent application or in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/427,553, which has been made of record in the present application. The majority of the claims in the 10/427,553 application were rejected

under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) over Applicants' priority U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/764,618, now U.S. Patent No. 7,483,856 issued on January 27, 2009. Three of the twenty-one references are additional references for the Examiner's review and consideration. Therefore, the majority of the cited references were cited in two other patent applications which were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) over Applicants' present patent application or Applicants' priority patent application, now U.S. Patent No. 7,483,856.

The citation of the listed items is not a representation that they constitute a complete or exhaustive listing of the relevant art or that the references are prior art. The items listed are submitted in good faith, but are not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of these particular items, they will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

The filing of this information disclosure statement is not an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

- [] This information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application.
- [] This information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491 in an international application.

- ☐ To the best of Applicant(s) knowledge, this information disclosure statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in connection with this case.
- ☐ Enclosed herewith is a certificate under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1).
- ☐ Enclosed herewith is a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(2).
- ☐ Enclosed by check is the petition fee of \$130.00. (37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1))
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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Likourezos', written over a horizontal line.

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